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Rural Road Projects under SAGY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the number of rural road projects sanctioned by the Government during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government had proposed to give priority to villages selected under Saansad Aadarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) for implementation of rural road projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of rural road projects for villages selected under SAGY in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) : Although Rural Roads is a State subject, the Ministry of Rural Development implements Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) as a one-time special intervention to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network with a population of 500 persons and above (as per 2001 Census) in plain areas and 250 persons and above (as per 2001 Census) in special category states (i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), the Tribal (Schedule V) areas, the Desert areas (as identified under Desert Development Programme) and in selected tribal and backward districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Planning Commission). In the critical LWE affected blocks (as identified by MHA), additional relaxation has been given to connect habitations with population 100 persons and above. The Government has also launched PMGSY-II which envisages consolidation of the existing Rural Road Network to improve its overall efficiency as a provider of transportation services for people, goods and services. It also focusses to cover upgradation of existing selected rural roads (Through Routes and Major Rural Links) based on their economic potential and their role in facilitating the growth of rural market centres and rural hubs. State-wise details of rural road projects sanctioned under PMGSY during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I.

(b) : Ministry of Rural Development vide circular No.P-17025/37/2013-RC dated 28.1.2015 (Annexure-II) has revised the PMGSY guidelines to accord priority in the selection of PMGSY roads for new connectivity as well as upgradation leading to the eligible habitations in the Gram Panchayats/villages identified by the Members of Parliament under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). State Governments are required to give priority to all roads leading to the Gram Panchayats identified under SAGY irrespective of Comprehensive New Connectivity Priority List (CNCPL) to include all eligible unconnected habitations in the selected Gram Panchayats.

(c) : In Tamil Nadu, 54 Gram Panchayats adopted under Phase-I of SAGY have been connected by single all weather road under various scheme including PMGSY (Annexure-III).

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